

eighth
by kowachi tsumi

the eighth team
@JapanZai

TL: Castellan

PR: Koro

CL/RD: Zack

TS: neira_yen

QC: Ruka

QC Note: Well, such a long
chapter! And just a heads up,
we'll be releasing Volume 10+
over at Fallen Syndicate!

Download the series from
<http://download.jpanga.com>

Or read online at
<http://kawaii.mangasite.com>





Even
if I let
you
pass.



HUH?

WELL...

I JUST
THOUGHT
IT'D BE A
SHAME



TO BLOW
AWAY SUCH A
HANDSOME
FACE.











Sick people
are sleeping.
Using a gun
would cause
trouble.





IF YOU'RE
ON THAT FINAL
THRESHOLD,
YOU SHOULDN'T
MOVE FORWARD,
SHOULD YOU?



TRUE.

BUT

...



!!

サトル - 2000
Operation.36

エイト
EIGHTH TRIAL ②









NO.

CEL-
CIA.

STOP
IT...



LUCA-
SAN.

NO.

SAVE-





**STOP!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!**

.....
?

Oh.

Oh..!

Who
are you?
Er..

Wh-

Whoa
aa?!





OH NO.

YOU
MUST NOT
SOIL YOUR
HANDS
LIKE
THIS---



HEY! DON'T
REMOVE THE
CATHETER!



U
W
A
A
A
!

UNH

RIO- SAN!

444

5-0-07



4...

YOU
COWARD!





HYAAA?!



TOO
HIGH

HEY.

PULL
YOUR-
SELF
TO-
GETH-
ER.



AA





PUT THAT
SQUIRT
DOWN AND
FIGHT.

---WHAT?!



I CAN'T
PUT HER
DOWN
WITHOUT
KNOWING...

IS IT
RIO?

EH? WHO
IS THEIR
OBJEC-
TIVE?

IT'S NOT
CELGIA?



**DAMN
IT ALL!**





!!?



NAO-YA!

**HEY, WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!**



WHAT
THE HELL
IS---



HIKARU-
SAN?!

NAOYA!
STAY
FOCUSED!



WHOA!





THIS
GUY





うん
UNH ...



...HE
AVOIDED
IT.

YOU



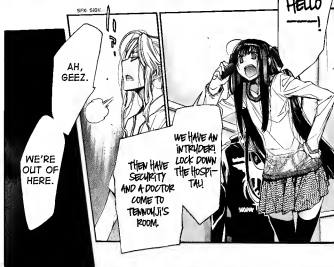


WHO
TAUGHT
YOU
THAT?



...HUH?

!?



HELLO
—!

AH,
GEEZ.

WE'RE
OUT OF
HERE.

WE HAVE AN
INTRUDER!
LOCK DOWN
THE HOSPI-
TAL!

THEN HAVE
SECURITY
AND A DOCTOR
COME TO
TENNOUJI'S
ROOM.



WHEN
NEXT WE
MEET,
I HOPE
THERE'S AN
EIGHTH*.

---SEE
YOU LATER,
EIGHTH
GUARD.

*YIP, NO, NOT "I HOPE THERE IS
STILL AN EIGHTH". THIS LINE WILL
MAKE SENSE LATER ON IN THE SERIES.



...HEY
NOW.

WHOA!

!





**RIO-
SAN!**



YES, BUT
RATHER
RIO-SAN THAN
ME...

Cel-
cia.
Are
you
okay?

O...

Onee-
san...

Onee-san...
Onee-san...!

IT WAS
SCARY,
HUH?
COME
HERE.



U
a
w
h
a
a
h

IT'S OKAY.
NOTHING'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN.



W
a
a
h
!

CELCIA...

IT'LL BE
ALRIGHT!

IT'S
OKAY.
EVERY-
ONE'S
HERE.

...WERE THEY
AFTER CELCIA?
IF THEY WERE,
THEN...

...EVEN SO,
WHAT IN
THE WORLD
DOES THIS
MEAN...?

HAS
SOMETHING
HAPPENED?

U
m...

Let's just get
her ready for
treatment, Luca,
get out of the
way--!

!

DID THEY
SOMEHOW FIND
OUT THAT CELCIA
WOULD BE
HERE...?

...Hey.

OH,
RIGHT...

I CAME
TO GET MY
UNIFORM.

MM.

You
came at
a good
time.

Why did
you come
to the
hospital
room?





IS GOING
ON...?!

...WHAT
THE HELL

WHO
IS IT?
AND WHAT IS
THEIR OBJEC-
TIVE...?



LUCA
LET'S GO
BACK TO
EIGHTH.

AND
REPORT
IN.

EIGHTH RESEARCH

SECURITY GUARD

EIGHTH RESEARCH
4TH LAB.



ほ
け

AAA
AH...



I'M BUSY,
TOO.

I'M
BUSY AND
HAVEN'T
SLEPT.

WHAT'S
GOT YOU
IN SUCH
A FOUL
MOOD?

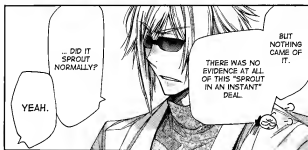
イ
テ
ア
ア
ア

Hey

You
called
me here.
What's
going
on?!

Then
hurry
up
and
get
to
the
point!

My work's
really piled
up!

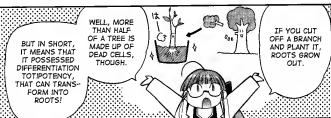
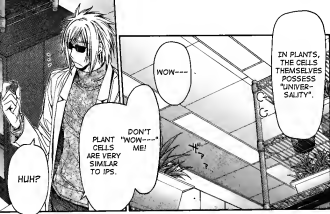














WELL THEN,
DID THE
STRAWBERRY
TASTE
GOOD?

HMPH.

IF YOU
AREN'T
CONSTANTLY
REMINDERED,
YOU'LL
FORGET IT IN
A MOMENT.



IT ALSO IN-
CLUDES HIGHLY
CONCENTRATED
INTERFERONS.

HUH?

THAT
STRAW-
BERRY IS
THE RESULT
OF GENETIC
MANIPULA-
TION.

NAH.

... YOU
TRYING TO
GET
MORE
MONEY
OUT OF
ME?



THE STRAWBERRIES ARE SUPERBLY EFFICIENT.

THESE WERE RAISED AND INFUSED WITH GENES THAT CREATE INTERFERONS.

WHAT?



Sh...

WITH THIS, WE CAN MASS-PRODUCE THEM CHEAPLY, AND MAKE MONEY.

BUT REGARDLESS, BREEDING AND CREATING INTERFERONS IS ABSURDLY EXPENSIVE.



WHO CARES?

NOT AT ALL.

OR RATHER,

Shut up! And don't feed that to me, moron!

Do you know the side-effects of interferons?!

Now listen ----!

* INTERFERON: PROTEIN SECRETED INSIDE ANIMALS. USED AS A DRUG TO CONTROL THE MULTIPLYING OF VIRUSES AND CANCER CELLS. VERY EXPENSIVE.





WHAT?
?!

click

は
な

Chief.

Excuse me,
but there's a
message from
the hospital.

Wha
aa?!



Waiting
Room

DR.
TENNOUJI
IS-----

SHE
UNDERWENT
SURGERY TO
REINSERT THE
CATHETER.



THE
SURGERY
WENT
WITHOUT
A HITCH.



That
poor
girl...

That's
just
nuts.



RIGHT NOW,
I HAVE SEVERAL
OF THE EIGHTH
GUARDS AT THE
HOSPITAL
ROOM.



GOOD.

AND
SO





HE'S
A WIT-
NESS?



THE
DOC-
TOR'S
DATA...

THE
BIGGEST
PROBLEM
IS, AT THE
TIME OF
THE INCI-
DENT----



YES.

THE SHORT
ANSWER IS
THE DATA FROM
EIGHTH 4TH LAB'S
IPS TEAM HAS
GONE MISSING.

...WHAAA?!







That suggests
they were
there to carry
her off.

Their leader
said "Don't
pull it out".

They took
out Rio's
catheter,
but



Um...
About the
data, is it
still with
Eighth?

THIS
IS NOT
WHAT YOU'D
NORMALLY
DO WHEN
POACHING
RESEARCH
STAFF.

WE ARE
MOST
DEFINITELY
IN A STICKY
SITUATION
HERE.



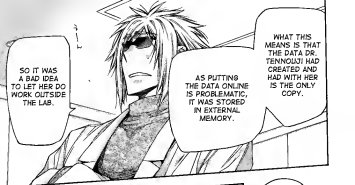
...
INDEED.



THEY HAD
ARRANGED
TO SEND
THE DOCTOR'S
RECONSTRUC-
TION BACK TO
THE LAB.

THE ONLY
CONGRUOUS
DATA WAS
WHAT WAS
SENT TO DR.
TENNOUJI.

THE DATA
FOR EACH
EXPERIMENT
IS BACKED-UP,
BUT IT'S ALL
SCATTERED.



SO IT WAS
A BAD IDEA
TO LET HER DO
WORK OUTSIDE
THE LAB.

AS PUTTING
THE DATA ONLINE
IS PROBLEMATIC,
IT WAS STORED
IN EXTERNAL
MEMORY.

WHAT THIS
MEANS IS THAT
THE DATA DR.
TENNOUJI HAD
CREATED AND
HAD WITH HER
IS THE ONLY
COPY.



HAD BEEN
KEPT IN
PLACE
THERE.

...IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
BETTER IF
THE GUARDS
WHO TOOK
THE DATA
THERE

---NO,
THE DOCTOR'S
FEELINGS
SHOULD TAKE
PRECEDENCE.



...IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
BETTER IF IT
HAD BEEN IN
THE LAB.



YEAH,

WE'LL
CONDUCT
OUR OWN
INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATION.

COMPILE
A DAMAGE
REPORT.

---BUT

DO IT
WITHOUT
NAOYA.

THAT'S
NOT IT.

ARE YOU
GONNA
BE THAT
STUBBORN
ABOUT
THIS?

---OH,
GIVE IT
A REST
ALREADY.

ER.....



Well,
your situ-
ation has
nothing to do
with
Sensei.

Even
though
he was
originally
told to
stay with
Sensei, this
idiot---



Use
this guy as
Rio-sensei's
escort.

!!



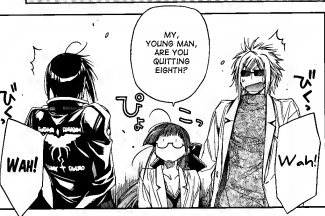
Rio-sensei
right now
would be
better off
with Naoya
there.

CHIEF...

You have
one week
left, so get
to work!

Go!

OH?





I, TOO,
WANT TO
STICK WITH
RIO.

...IT'S JUST
AS CHIEF
SAYS.

BUT...



THE RIGHT
THING TO
DO?

---IS DOING
IT BY FOLD



AH...

here

SORRY,
BUT, GO
DELIVER
THESE
DOCUMENTS
TO THE
CHIEF.

What's
going on
here...?



JUST
LETTING
THE IN-
TRUDERS
GO...

HEY,
YOUNG
MAN.





...

YES.

ARE
YOU
QUIT-
TING?

...
AH.

WELL,

UM...

WHY?

MY BOY,
WHY
WOULD
YOU?



IF YOU
QUIT, IT'S
GONNA BE
A PAIN.

WHY?

...I'M
SORRY.

IT'LL
SUCK.

TOTALLY,

ROYALLY...

LISTEN,
KID.

HELL,
NO!

HAVE YOU
DECIDED
WHERE YOU'RE
GONNA GO?

NO,
THAT'S...

THE CHIEF
DECIDED?

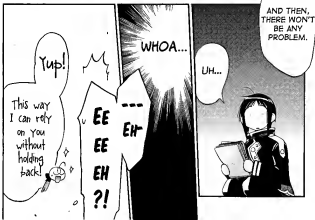
THAT'S
GUY'S
A FOOL,
YOU
KNOW?

...NO,

I'M THE
ONE---

OH.

RIGHT,
KID!









NAOYA.

...UNDER-
STOOD.

WHAT I'M
SAYING IS
THAT,
AFTERWARD,
THERE'S
SOME-
THING HE
HAS TO
DO.



WE HAVE
TO IDENTIFY
THESE
THIEVES.

LISTEN.



WE'LL MAKE
USE OF YOU,
WHO HAVE
BEEN IN
CONTACT
WITH THE
CULPRITS.





WELL,

AS LONG
AS MY BOY
IS AROUND,
IT WORKS
FOR ME. SO,
WHATEVER.





...Yeah.

I did
see the
suspects
too, after
all.

YOU
TOO?

—OH,
LUCAS?



WHO THE
HELL WOULD
STEAL RIO'S
RESEARCH?



OH?

Celcia...

I am
concerned
for the child's
spiritual well-
being.

I---





Silence!

Don't talk
like that,
not even
you.

Saying
things like
if you had
been with
her, some-
thing might
have been
done,

That's
just—

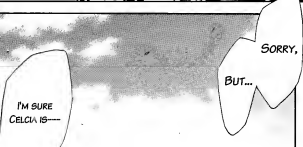


.....

...WHAT?

...It's
without
doubt

The height
of conceit."





MAYBE
I'M GETTING
USED TO
IT...

THEY
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN AFTER
RIO-SAN.

I AM NOT
GETTING
USED TO
THIS...

...NO.

I'M
SCARED.

...BUT

...UM...





.....



NO.

I'M FINE.
I'M NOT
SLEEPY
AT ALL.

...HOW
ABOUT
YOU TAKE
A BIT OF A
REST?



SISTER...

UTTER
COMPLETE
AFFECTION.

...LUCA-
SAN IS
ALWAYS
AWAKE.

I WONDER
IF THIS
IS WHAT
THAT'S
LIKE...



I

WON'T
LOSE.







NO.

THEY
WERE CELLS
CREATED
BY IPS.



Eh? They
used heart
muscle of
humans?!

EXPERIMENTS
ON MOUSE AND
HUMAN HEART
MUSCLE CELLS.



WHICH
MEANS,

AS THINGS
STAND, IPS
ISN'T USEFUL
FOR ANYTHING
ELSE.

I see

Oh, so
they're
made spe-
cifically for
experi-
ments.

WE CREATE
CELLS OF THE
DESIRED PART
AND THEN
TEST.



What
does that
mean?

Hmm...

...BE THAT AS
IT MAY, WHAT
WAS STOLEN IS
A BIT SERIOUSLY
PROBLEMATIC.



Yeah...
Though she is
sick, and may
be scared...

IT MEANS,
WE HAVE TO
GET RIO-SENSEI
TO CREATE THE
DATA AGAIN.



WE HAVE A
PRESSING
NEED.

THAT'S
TRUE,
BUT...



I DON'T
THINK WE
CAN GET IT
REPLICATED
SO QUICKLY,
BUT-----

BECAUSE
WE DON'T
KNOW IF
SAYING "IT
WAS ORIGI-
NALLY OURS"
IS GONNA
FLY.

WE NEED
TO GET THE
ENTIRE THING
REPLICATED
AND RELEASE
IT FIRST.



Please make
sure to use
Naoya-kun.

...
Chief.

HUH?

Not
just now,
but going
forward.

I AM
USING
HIM,
AREN'T
I?

There are
still things
you need to
hear him
out on.

...AAA
HN?

NOT
AT ALL.

#4



EVEN THOUGH
WHAT I SAY
ISN'T NECES-
SARILY THE
RIGHT THINGS.

QUITE THE
CONTRARY,
HE'S STILL
LISTENING
TO WHAT I
TELL HIM.



SOME-
ONE LIKE
YOU.

I'M SURE
SOMEONE,
SOMEHOW,
WILL MEN-
TION IT TO
HIM.

IF HE
REALLY
WANTS TO
COME BACK
TO EIGHTH,
HE'D COME
BACK ON HIS
OWN DECIS-
SION?



Geez!

*What will
you do if
he really
does quit?!*

*And
out of
uniform.*

THOUGH
I FIGURED
HE'D COME
BACK AFTER
RIO-SENSEI.



NAOYA WILL
MANAGE TO FIND
WORK REGARD-
LESS OF HIS
PATH.

*Now
hold...*

LET'S LET
NAOYA DECIDE
THAT.

YOU HAVE
WORK, TOO.
GO!



SEND A
MES-
SAGE
TO CBER
IN THE
FDA.

HURRY!



T/N: PROBABLY CENTER FOR BIOLOGICS EVALUATION & RESEARCH



Astoria
Company

HEY,
WHAT'S THE
MEANING OF
THIS?

WHO TOLD
YOU TO BRING
BACK THE
RESEARCH
DATA?!



IF
ALL YOU
BROUGHT
WAS THE
DATA, THERE'S
NOTHING WE
CAN DO, IS
THERE?

...AREN'T
YOU TRYING
TO DESTROY
EIGHTHP?

THERE WERE
OBSTACLES
INVOLVED
WITH BOTH
RIO TENNOUTJI
AND CELCIA.

IF THE THEFT
IS EXPOSED,
WE'LL BE
THE ONES
DESTROYED!



LOST
YOUR NERVE,
HAVE YOU?



AND HAD
A FAIR FIGHT
OVER HONEST
RESULTS?

.....

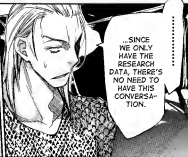
SHALL WE TALK
THIS OUT? SUPPOSE
WE BROUGHT RIO
TENNOUJI HERE AND
MADE HER WORK
FOR ASTORIA.

WHAT WERE
YOU PLANNING
ON DOING?

BEHIND
EIGHTH IS
THE BIG HAND
OF THE
GRAPHICO
COMPANY.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU'D
BE SERIOUS
ABOUT TAKING
ON EIGHTH.



...SINCE
WE ONLY
HAVE THE
RESEARCH
DATA, THERE'S
NO NEED TO
HAVE THIS
CONVERSA-
TION.

.....

... FINE. THEN.
EIGHTH HAS
POINTS I, TOO,
HAVE DEVELOPED
AN INTEREST IN.

GIVE ME
FREE REIN.

I'LL
CRUSH
THEM.

WELL,
THERE ARE
MANY WAYS
TO GET SOME-
THING DONE.







EIGHTH

9

2012年10月22日 初版発行

著者
河内 和泉

© 2012 Isumi Kawasaki

発行人
田口浩司

発行所

株式会社スクウェア・エニックス

〒100-8440 東京都港区新保2-27-20 品川イー・ストリート4Fエ2706

【総機】TEL 03-5262-2116

【営業】TEL 03-5262-2226 FAX 03-5262-6733

印刷所

凸版印刷株式会社

経営編集

中川 健

装幀

岩佐陽子

初出／月刊ガンガンJOKER

2012年6月号—8月号掲載

この作品はフィクションです。
実在の人物・団体・事件などには、いっさい関係ありません。

○本書の内容の一部あるいは全部を、著作権者、出版者等の許諾なく、転載、複製、複製、公衆送信（放送、有線放送、インターネットへのアップロード）、翻訳、翻案など行うことは、著作権法上の例外を除き、法律で禁じられています。これらの行為を行った場合、法律により刑事罰が科せられる可能性があります。また、個人、家庭内又はそれらに準ずる範囲での使用目的であっても、本書を代行業者等の第三者に依頼して、スキャン、デジタル化等複製する行為は著作権法で禁じられています。

○盗丁・落丁事はお取り替え致します。大変お手数ですが、購入された書店名と不具合箇所を明記して小松田監製部宛にお送り下さい。送料は小松田宛でお取り替え致します。併し、古書店でご購入されたものについてはお取り替えに応じかねます。

○定価は表紙カバーに表示してあります。